



S. 996 – A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to expand passenger facility fee eligibility for certain noise compatibility projects

FLOOR SITUATION

S. 996 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) on March 27, 2007. The bill passed the Senate by unanimous consent on February 28, 2008.

S. 996 is scheduled to be considered on the floor on September 16, 2007.

SUMMARY

S. 996 allows passenger facility fees to be used by the Lennox and Inglewood School Districts in California for noise mitigation projects.

BACKGROUND

The Lennox School District and the City of Los Angeles settled a lawsuit that allowed passenger aircraft to fly over the schools. The planes pass over the schools at low altitude approximately every three minutes.

In February 2005, a settlement was reached between the Lennox and Inglewood school districts and the Los Angeles World Airports to provide \$110 million over ten years for noise mitigation efforts. However, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) found that Federal law prohibits the payment of the settlement funds to the school districts. This bill would make changes to Federal law to allow those funds to be made available to the school districts.

COST

The Congressional Budget Office has not scored this legislation.

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